

REMARKS

Claims 16-30 are pending in the application, with Claims 27-30 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 31-32 have been canceled.

Although the Office Action Summary states that "Claims 16-26, 31, and 32 is/are rejected", the Detailed Action only rejects Claims 31-32, which are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

The cancellation of Claims 31-32 obviates the rejection.

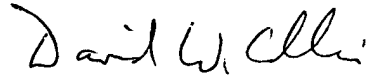
On May 3, 2006, Applicants' undersigned representative called the Examiner and left a message regarding whether any of the other claims (of Claims 16-26) were rejected. On May 5, the Examiner left a voice mail message to the effect that the only claims rejected were Claims 31-32 and that Claims 16-26 appeared to be allowable.

With Claims 16-26 apparently allowable, this leaves the matter of Claims 27-30. Applicants understand that upon an allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim (37 CFR 1.141). Claim 25 is generic to each of currently withdrawn Claims 27-30.

The Examiner cites Heath et al (U.S. Patent 6,979,639) as disclosing a method wherein a bistable molecule is used in a process for forming multilayer thin films for making electrodes. Applicants agree that the claims of the instant application are patentable over the cited reference.

The application is considered to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take such action. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number. HOWEVER, PLEASE CONTINUE TO ADDRESS ALL FURTHER WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE TO: IP ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL DEPARTMENT, M/S 35, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, P.O. BOX 272400, FORT COLLINS, CO 80527-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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